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Empire Exhibition.

Liabilities of the Madras Government on account of the British Empire Exhibition.

71 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what were the liabilities of this Government on account of the British Empire Exhibition on the 12th of December 1923 ;

(b) whether any subsequent liabilities have been incurred; and

(c) whether the Government have accepted the resolution of the Legislative Council on this matter ?

A.—(a) As stated in the answer to the question put by the hon. Member at the meeting of the Council on December 15th, 1923, the net liabilities on that date amounted to Rs. 2,53,038-8-6.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) The answer is in the affirmative. The Chairman of the Executive Committee has been informed accordingly.

Famine.

Mahazars to the Collector of Anantapur regarding remission of kists and starting of famine works.

72 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state if the Government are aware of the fact that mahazars have been sent recently to the Collector of Anantapur district praying for remission of kist and starting famine works ; and whether the Government intend to start relief works for giving facilities for drinking water in villages and in support of sanitation and irrigation ?

A.—(1) Yes.

(2) One test work was opened in the Gooty taluk on 15th January 1924, and more works will be opened if found necessary.

Floods.

Ganjām floods.

73 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that loss of life and property has occurred in Ganjām in consequence of the heavy rains in the Ganjām district ;

(b) whether they have received any official report on the subject ; and if so, to place the same on the table ; and

(c) the relief measures that they have already taken and also those that they propose to undertake ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The reports have already been published in the Madras dailies.

(c) Timber for repairing the houses damaged by the cyclone is being given to poorer ryots as far as possible. Advances under the Agriculturists' Loans Act will be made where needed and remission of ryotwari assessmen will be granted where the circumstances require it.